

Home Safety Checklist

INSTRUCTIONS: Check the safety steps that are being taking in your home. Write N/A if the item is not applicable. Items without a checkmark may present a safety hazard in your home.

This safety checklist is to help keep you organized while inspecting your home for safety hazards. You do not need to submit your completed checklist to the MBC, but you must answer the questions on slide 9 to receive approval for requirement #9a.

Stairways, Halls, and Outdoor Steps	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Stairways with three or more steps have a strong handrail and slip resistant finish.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Stairways & halls are kept free from boxes, toys, shoes, brooms, tools, and other tripping hazards.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Gates at top and bottom of stairs prevent children from falling.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> The head and foot of stairs have no small or loose rugs.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Stair carpeting or covering is fastened securely.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Stairways & halls have good lighting, controllable at each end.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kitchen	
<input type="checkbox"/> Matches are kept where children cannot get them.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency numbers are posted next to the telephone, including 911 and poison control.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Knives & sharp instruments are kept in knife drawers or holder.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Can openers don't leave sharp edges on cans.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Disinfectants & cleaning products are out of reach of children.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Pan handles are turned away from stove edges.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Spilled grease, water, or bits of food are wiped up immediately.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Potholders are located near the stove, within easy reach.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> A dry chemical fire extinguisher is mounted near the stove.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attic and Basement	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ladder is strong, solid, and sturdily constructed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Stairway is sturdy and well lighted.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Children keep skates and play gear in a specific place.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Walls and beams are free from protruding nails.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Fuses or circuit breakers are the proper size.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Rubbish & flammable materials are in covered metal cans.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Wastepaper is kept away from furnace and stairs.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Living Room and Dining Room	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Furniture is placed to allow easy passage in an emergency.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Before bedtime, furniture placement is checked for orderliness.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Furniture and woodwork solid, in good repair, and free from splinters and rough spots.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Fireplace screen fits snugly.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Rugs are fastened or laid on non-slip pads.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Rugs are kept from curling at their edges.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Wax on floors is thoroughly buffed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire in fireplace is extinguished at bedtime.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Candles are in stable holders and fully extinguished after use, before bedtime, or before leaving home	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bathroom	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tub and shower are equipped with strong handholds.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tub floor has non-slip surface.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Poisons and dangerous chemicals are marked, sealed shut in original containers, and out of reach of children.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Medicines are out of reach of children in childproof containers.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> No one takes medicine in the dark.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bedroom	
<input type="checkbox"/> Smoke alarm has fresh battery or secure electrical connection & is tested regularly.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Carbon monoxide detector has fresh battery or secure electrical connection and is tested regularly.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Furniture placement for clear passage between bed and door.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Light switch or lamp is within easy reach from bed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> A night-light illuminates bedroom or hall.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Bureau and dresser drawers are closed when not in use.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Bar across upper bunk beds helps prevent falls.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Children are taught not to lean against windows or screens.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Low sill windows have sturdy screens to prevent children from falling out.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Smoking in bed is prohibited.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Gas and electric heating devices are turned off at bedtime.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Nursery	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Bars on cribs are closely spaced – no more than 2 3/8" apart so baby's head cannot slip between them.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Crib is approved by Consumer Products or similar.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Crib is free from sharp edges or corners.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Crib does not have a "drop" side.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping garments and covers keep baby warm without danger of smothering.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Pillows are kept out of bassinet or crib.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> No thin, plastic material is in or near the crib.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> No toys or objects in or near the crib or within reach of any child under 3 are less than 1 inch in diameter and 2 inches long.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> No toys or objects have small parts that can be removed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Children are taught not to give marbles, etc. to younger children.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Toys are sturdy, do not come apart easily, & have no sharp edges or points.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Nontoxic paint is used on baby furniture and toys.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> All houseplants are nonpoisonous.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stoves, Furnaces, and Heaters	
<input type="checkbox"/> Stoves are away from curtains.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Stoves & furnace pipes and flues are inspected & cleaned annually.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Gas burners are properly adjusted and free from leaks.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Gas water and space heaters are equipped with vents or flues.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Water heater or boiler has a safety valve & is checked yearly.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Water heater temperature is set below 120 degrees Fahrenheit to reduce the risk of serious burns.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Flames of gas burners are protected from drafts.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Insulating shield protects woodwork within 18" of furnace, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Keep flammable materials away from stoves, furnaces, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> A wrench is stored near the shut-off valve of outside gas line.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> The flue is opened before using the fireplace.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Porch, Yard, and Garage	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Railings and banisters are sound and inspected periodically.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Steps and walks are kept free from ice and snow.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yard/play space are free from holes, stones, glass, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tools and dangerous articles are out of reach of children.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dangerous products & chemicals are kept in original containers in locked storage areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Wires and low fences are brightly painted or clearly marked.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Wells, cisterns, and pits are kept securely covered.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Disposable materials are not burned outside.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> An area is marked off in the garage for bicycles, wagons, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn mower is equipped with proper safeguards.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Workshop	
<input type="checkbox"/> Good ventilation exists, especially when sanding or painting.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety goggles or face mask, and hearing protection are worn when working with or around power tools, and an appropriate eyewash is available.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Baking soda is kept handy to neutralize acid burns.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> All electrical tools are either grounded with three-wire plugs or are double-insulated.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Work area is well lit & free of clutter, scraps, rags.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> All tools have a place & are in their place.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Guards are in place on all power tools.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> A push stick is available for use with power saws.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tools are unplugged when not in use and before changing blades, servicing, or repairing.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Electrical Devices and Fixtures	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Electrical fixtures and appliances are located & used beyond arm's length of the sink, stove, tub, shower, or other grounded metal unless outlet is protected by a ground-fault interrupter.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Do not touch electrical fixtures or appliances with wet hands.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Disconnect seldom-used appliances when not in use.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Household appliances are disconnected before repairs.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Light bulbs are installed in all lamp sockets.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> All pull-type sockets have an insulating link.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Frayed or worn electric cords are promptly replaced.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Long trailing cords are not in evidence.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Cords are kept out from under rugs, doors, and furniture.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> UA-approved extension cords are the proper size.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Children are taught never to touch electric sockets or fixtures.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Fuses are adequate for the load and are not bypassed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Circuit breakers are labeled and not overloaded.	<input type="checkbox"/>
For Emergency	
<input type="checkbox"/> Know how to get emergency help (911, poison control, etc.).	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Be able to find water, gas, & electric shutoffs. Check annually.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit approved by your doctor/American Red Cross.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Know basic first aid procedures.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Have a fire escape plan from your home.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency water supply.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Handheld flashlights readily available.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> In earthquake-prone areas, make sure that the water heater and bookcases are bolted to the walls.	<input type="checkbox"/>

General	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Home has smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors, with at least one smoke detector in each bedroom, near the kitchen, and in the basement & garage.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Everything has a place and is in its place.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Stepladders are in good repair and stored out of the way.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Window screens and storm windows are securely fastened.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Guns are stored unloaded and in locked cases.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Guns and ammunition are stored separately.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Children are permitted to use only blunt-end scissors.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Housework clothing has no drooping sleeves, sashes, or frills.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Shoes worn for housework have low heels.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> All shoes are in good repair.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Kerosene, gasoline, paint thinners, and other volatile materials are stored outside in special, clearly marked metal containers.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Oil mops, dust rags, painting equipment, and other oily materials are stored outside in open metal containers.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Everyone turns on a light before entering a dark room.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Matches are extinguished before they're thrown away.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Children are never permitted to play with matches.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire extinguishers are readily available and in good working order.	<input type="checkbox"/>